

PHELPS LOST
LIFE APPEALBecause His Counsel Failed to
Appear in Court

WHEN CASE WAS CALLED

Silas T. Phelps, Who Was Convicted of
Murdering Deputy Sheriff Emmett
F. Haskins, Will Be Executed
During Week of Dec. 31.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Silas T. Phelps, who killed Deputy Sheriff Emmett F. Haskins nearly two years ago, will go to the electric chair in the week beginning December 31, the full bench of the supreme judicial court having today dismissed his appeal. Attorney-General Swift represented the government at today's session in court, and as counsel for the condemned man did not respond when the case was called the appeal was dismissed.

Phelps is now in the jail at Greenfield and will soon be brought here to the state prison, where the execution will take place. Only executive action by Governor Foss and council stands between Phelps and execution.

59 KNOWN DEAD

In the Briceville, Tenn., Mine—Work
Retarded by Fire.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Fifty-nine are known to be dead, victims of the Cross mountain explosion. At midnight 40 bodies had been taken out of the mine and 10 other dead bodies located. Two of the number found last night had been dead less than 24 hours. Progress in the search was obstructed by a smoldering fire which raged from early yesterday until three o'clock yesterday afternoon, requiring the efforts of half of the government helmet crew to extinguish it. The owners officially announced that there were 85 men in the mine when the explosion occurred.

Friends and relatives of miners unaccounted for are manifesting great impatience because the rescuers are not making more headway. There are about 20 miles of mine way to explore and less than 25 helmet men who can penetrate to all corners. Canary birds are being used to detect the presence of poisonous gases with great success. Miners without helmets are not permitted to enter chambers in which the birds cannot live.

Ernest P. McKel, director of the American Red Cross, arrived here yesterday. He expressed approval of the relief measures already taken and indicated that he thought the local committees were competent to take care of any families made destitute by the explosion.

CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Brought Against Political Clerk in New
Bedford, Mass.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 14.—John E. Murphy, clerk in charge of the Republican headquarters at the north end of the city during the state campaign, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with bribery of a voter by a promise to influence his vote on election and the payment of \$3 a day after election. The voter named in the warrant is Patrick H. Foy, 21 years old, who cast his first vote at the state election. Murphy was bailed to appear in court to-day. The cases of Laverton, Sylvia and Foster, who were arrested Tuesday night, were continued a week when called in court yesterday.

FEDERAL JURY READY

To Begin Investigation of Alleged Dynamite
Conspiracy.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—After weeks of preliminary work and probing by government agents in seventeen states, directed against firms employing non-union workers, was furnished to the government by the National Erectors' association.

42 OUTLAWS KILLED

In Engagement With American Scouts
To-day.

Lanso, Mindanao, Dec. 14.—Forty-two Moro outlaws were killed to-day in an engagement with a detachment of American scouts. There were no fatalities on the American side. The battle occurred in connection with a campaign for suppressing organized brigandage among the Moros.

Lady Constance Lands at Last.

London, Dec. 14.—Lady Constance Foljambe, a half sister of the Earl of Liverpool, comptroller of the king's household, who created a sensation in London on July 3 by failing to appear at church at the time appointed for her marriage to the Rev. A. H. K. Hawkins, has again astonished society and her friends by quietly marrying Mr. Hawkins yesterday afternoon.

On the former occasion Lady Constance disappeared from London, and it was later announced that she had simply changed her mind and decided that she did not wish to be married.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Royal Arcanum, Green Mountain council, No. 736—Last meeting of the year. Let it be a rouser and every member take the time and improve the opportunity to come to the installation of the new officers-elect, and there is other important business that needs your attendance. K. of P. hall, Blanchard block, Friday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

GIFTS TO TECH.

Amounted to Nearly Two and Three-
Quarters Millions.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Nearly two and three-quarters millions of dollars has come to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the last year, including gifts, bequests, and a grant of a million dollars by the commonwealth, according to the annual report of President Richard C. Maclaurin, submitted to the corporation last night. President Maclaurin summed up the history of the events leading to the choice by the institute of its proposed new site on the Charles river Esplanade in Cambridge, adding:

"The general appreciation of the enormous advantages that Cambridge would derive from the location of the institute on this particular tract, and of the fact that the city government itself joined in the chorus of invitation to secure this site, leave little doubt that the matter will be satisfactorily arranged in the future."

President Maclaurin spoke of the establishment of the summer camp for civil engineers at Gardner Lake, Me., where construction of buildings has been begun. This summer camp and school will be opened in July next.

"The outlook for the future," said President Maclaurin, "is distinctly bright."

He emphasized the importance of the erection by the institute of buildings on its new site that shall be models of economy and of convenience and "rise to the level of the great architectural possibilities of the river bank." He appeals for financial assistance from the alumni and the public to provide for these new buildings.

FACES THEFT CHARGE.

A. H. Mackenzie, Boston Broker, Ac-
cused of Stealing \$9,432.67.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Allan H. Mackenzie, a broker of 84 State street, went on trial on the charge of conspiracy to steal \$9,432.67 from Wesley A. Gove, a member of the brokerage firm of Wesley A. Gove & Co., on March 1, 1911, in the superior criminal court yesterday before Judge Chase. The defendant is represented by Gen. Charles W. Bartlett and C. W. Ford.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas A. Lavelle stated that the government intended to show the defendant was a dealer in curb stocks and in February last met William H. Morrison and put in the latter's hands stock certificates of the Northern Pacific railroad of the date of 1890, of almost worthless value, and later conspired to transfer Morrison's stock to Gove, the latter paying the sum above named on the worthless certificate.

Wesley A. Gove said he took over Morrison's account and, on receiving the certificate for 100 shares of Northern Pacific, paid \$9,432.67 to Mackenzie. His testimony was substantiated by that of Fred J. Annis and Lynde D. Chase, clerks in the office of Wesley A. Gove & Co.

It was testified that Mackenzie, on the check he received from Gove, bought cashiers' checks, and that the day after receiving the check his deposits at the Exchange Trust company showed a balance of \$2,608.

DOUBLE BURGLARY

BY SAME GANG

They Secured Big Amount in Stamps at
South Waterloo, Me., Postoffice
This Morning.

South Waterloo, Me., Dec. 14.—Burglars operated successfully here this morning and escaped without leaving a clue to their identity. From the post office they secured \$4,000 in stamps and ripped open three mail bags. At the grocery store of Edwin Carlethey they blew open the safe, secured \$25 and a dozen watches. They also took two or three fur coats.

"SEE AMERICA FIRST"

Was Urged By Speaker Before American
Civic Association.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Speaking as an exponent of the idea that all Americans should "See America First," Herbert W. Horton, Boston, Mass., took one of the featured parts in the first evening session of the convention of the American Civic association last night when he presented an illustrated lecture entitled "Some Picturesque Features of Our National Parks." Mr. Gleason has crossed the continent twenty times in the past ten years, making a special study of the national parks not only of the United States, but of Canada. He has taken thousands of photographs.

"The national parks of the United States frequently are referred to as the 'playgrounds of the nation,'" he said, "yet the national parks offer far more than mere opportunities for recreation. They possess an educational value which, properly appreciated, entitles them to be ranked among the most potent forces in our educational system. Happily we are beginning to realize the place and power of beauty in our life as a nation."

ROOSEVELT GRINNED.

Crowd of 1,000 People Turned Out to
See Roosevelt Off.

Boston, Dec. 14.—A crowd of one thousand cheering men gave an enthusiastic send-off to Colonel Roosevelt today when the former president left for New York. Col. Roosevelt was repeatedly cheered, the cheer leaders calling for a vocal demonstration for "Roosevelt, the next president," as they characterized him. Although Roosevelt made no reply he seemingly appreciated the demonstration.

Payment in Novel Form.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—If the New York public service commission allows the New York Central to take over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, the control of the Ontario and Western, payment will be made in a somewhat novel form. It will take the shape of a single debenture note for about \$13,000,000, representing the sum which the New Haven paid for the Ontario and Western. The note can be used hereafter, however, and securities based upon it can be split into smaller denominations. In the whole transaction the New Haven railroad will gain about \$40,000 a year over and above its original investment in Ontario and Western stock.

BODIES PUT
UNDER FLOORThree Women and Man Murder-
ed Near Albany, N. Y.

FARM LABORER IS MISSING

All Members of the Morner Family Liv-
ing at Home Were Victims—Their
Murderer Is Believed to Have
Been Insane.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Sometime Tuesday an Italian farm hand, employed by the Morner family of Deftestville, a hamlet near here, is believed by the police to have slain Mrs. Conrad Morner, a widow; her two daughters, Edith, aged twenty, and Blanche, seventeen; and her son, Arthur, aged 28. The bodies of the three women were discovered during the night in the barn on the Morner farm, where they had been so hacked with a hatchet and battered with a balistick that the murderer was able to crush all three of them into a small manure pit near the stable. Arthur Morner's body was found this morning. Trace is lacking of the farm hand, known as Ed. Dennis. Arthur's body was found in another part of the barn floor.

Motive for the crime seems to be lacking, but the indications, authorities say, point to the murderer being insane.

The discovery of the crime was brought about by Horatio Mould, a milk dealer. When Arthur failed to bring milk to two successive nights, Mould drove out to his farm last night. There was no light in the house and Mr. Mould noticed a neighbor and Jesse Morner, another son of the dead woman, who has a farm nearby. The men searched the place and a fleck of blood on a milk can was the first clue. The manure pit was later uncovered and lanterns revealed the ghastly tragedy. The bodies were almost naked, and their clothing was buried deep in the manure mire. Neighbors say the suspected man was quiet and attended to his own business and that Mrs. Morner and the two girls were never known to have disputed with him since he was hired by them last September.

The Morners have worked the farm since the death of Conrad Morner, the father, about two years ago and are said to have been rich.

INJURIES FATAL
TO ST. ALBANS MANH. W. Hudson, Who Was Hurt on Cen-
tral Vermont Railroad at St. Al-
bans, Died To-day.

St. Albans, Dec. 14.—H. W. Hudson, the fireman on the Central Vermont railway who was so seriously injured yesterday morning that it was necessary to amputate his right leg, died at the hospital in this city this morning from the effects of his injury. Mr. Hudson was 25 years old and is survived by a wife and one child. He had been a fireman on the road about one year.

STEALING FROM GOVERNMENT.

Charged Against Hugh Madden, Arrest-
ed at Penacook, N. H.

Penacook, N. H., Dec. 14.—Hugh Madden was arrested last evening as he was leaving the shop of the Hoyt Electrical works by Officer Rodd, the charge being larceny. Last Monday the officers found where parties had bought a revolver for \$35.00, the value of which must have been \$10 to \$20. The matter was reported to the Concord station and the police here have been trying to follow up the clue. It brought about the arrest of Madden.

The man is 21 years old and was employed in taking account of stock at the armory at Concord, where he carried away five of the revolvers of the United States army pattern, two of which he disposed of. Three were found at his home in Eagle block, where he has resided for the past two months.

Madden, when taken to the station, admitted his guilt and had nothing more to say. He was brought before Judge Fletcher to-day. Madden is the brother of the party who took the double-barreled gun from the Fowler drug store on December 3.

BUCKMILLER CAPTAIN.

To Lead University of Vermont Football
Team Next Year.

Burlington, Dec. 14.—The annual post-season football banquet of the university of Vermont football team was held last evening in the hotel Vermont private dining room and an excellent dinner was served to 17 of the heroes of the gridiron and those connected with them. A feature of the occasion was the election of a football captain, Frank Buckmiller of the class of 1912, being elected to lead the team during the struggle next year.

After dinner speeches were made by Dr. C. H. Beecher, chairman of the athletic committee, Manager James Slack, Coach "Sal" Slavin, Captain Walker and Captain-elect Buckmiller. The tone of all of the speeches was to make a stronger and better team with each succeeding year, and every one present manifested a willingness to make heroic efforts under the direction of Captain Buckmiller as they had done for Captain Walker. Each speaker was liberally applauded, and Coach Slavin and Captain Walker received ovations.

ABSINTHE CONDEMNED.

Pure Food Board Advocates Prohibiting
Its Importation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Declaring that absinthe is dangerous to health, the pure food board of the department of agriculture to-day declared its importation into the United States should be prohibited after January 1. The order awaits the signature of the secretary of agriculture before becoming effective.

MONTPELIER COUNCIL DISAGREES.

Voted Once to Have Moving Pictures in
Hall, Tie Vote Now.

Considerable business was transacted at tonight's regular session of the Montpelier city council. It was voted to make Northfield street three rods wide and a hearing on the question will be held the evening of Dec. 26. At this time claims for damage to property will be considered. With the exception of three or four, it is understood the abutting land owners will not ask damages.

Some petitions for walks were presented and were turned over to the proper committees. The matter of a gas tange for the kitchen of the city hall was brought up referred to the supply committee. In connection with this, it was suggested that a piano be rented and kept in the hall, to save the damage caused by moving one in and out. This was also referred to the supply committee.

Chief Pattee reported two fires of importance since October 22, when he took charge of the fire department, and gave the following report of the progress made thus far on the new system: The aerial work to date has cost \$1,141.96; the underground \$1,300.72, both more than was estimated. The fire station carpenter work bill is now \$280; with a probable total of \$400. The wiring has cost \$94.57. Moving the generators cost \$50, the total for the building is now \$726.41.

Bills of \$336.40 for the street department, and \$311.69 for the water department were paid, also the year's salary of \$150 to each allderman and of \$300 to the mayor.

At the last council meeting it was voted to permit Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leland to exhibit moving pictures in the city hall Monday and Saturday evenings, with certain agreements on the lessees part as to the class of pictures shown, the fitting up of the hall, etc. The mayor had not signed the contract and Mr. Leland felt that he wanted evidence that the vote of the council would be carried out. Remarks were made for and against the use of the hall for the pictures. On one side were those who felt that the hall should be doing something to pay for itself, and on the other those who did not want the building torn apart in any way to allow a ventilation pipe to be put in. When it came to a vote, following a motion that the mayor be instructed to sign the contract, it was a tie, and as the mayor was not asked to cast the deciding vote, the council virtually repudiated its vote of the previous meeting.

ALLEGED BAD CHECK
MEN UNDER ARRESTThey Had Been Operating in St. Al-
bans and Prior to That in Swan-
ton and Morrisville.

St. Albans, Dec. 17.—A pair of alleged check workers and confidence men were captured red-handed at their work here yesterday by Chief J. F. Mahoney and Deputy Sheriff J. B. Alfred, and are now in the county jail awaiting a hearing.

The men are known as Fred E. Ducharme, formerly of Fairfield, who claims to have lived recently at Springfield, Vt., and K. C. Russell, late of Worcester, Mass. They arrived here from Swanton on the 10:15 train in the morning, at once checked their grips for St. Johns, Que., and immediately started out to do the town. Russell went to the clothing store of Badgers & Revoir on Lake street, where he got a suit valued at \$16 in payment for which he tendered a check for \$36 and a \$20 bill. The check was cashed by the store, and Russell made a dash for it. He was followed by a patrolman and made payable to "Albert Russell." Young Mr. Badger, who made the sale, told Russell that he did not have the money called for to make up the balance of the check, so Russell told him that that was all right and that he would call for the balance to-day.

A few minutes after the deal had gone through, Badger reached the conclusion that he had been cheated, and hunted up Chief Mahoney and told him his troubles, describing him a description of his customer, which, as it turned out, did not fit him at all.

Chief Mahoney started out, however, looking for a suspicious acting man, and found that he had been at Harold Cohen's store, where, after inquiring for the proprietor and being told that he was out, he presented to the clerk another check for about \$25, telling him to cash it and take out \$2 that he owed the store. But the clerk was suspicious and would not come across.

The men were finally located about noon, just as they came out of the St. Albans house, where Chief Mahoney called Russell after questioning him a minute, while Deputy Sheriff Alfred grabbed Ducharme as he tried to sneak away. Both men protested innocence and insisted that a big mistake had been made in arresting them, but they were taken to the jail and searched. Ducharme having on him, it is said, the sum of \$35.56 and a number of bogus checks, while Russell produced \$43 and a number of pawn tickets on Worcester, Mass., shops.

When the men were griled by the officers, Russell claimed to be working for Ducharme, and later claimed that Ducharme had him completely under his control and could make him do anything he wanted. Ducharme claimed that he and Russell represented the Hapgood Mop company of Boston and insisted that everything was all straight and right.

Following the trail of the men to Swanton, it was learned that they had been in Morrisville, where Russell at one time was employed, and here Russell got a check cashed for \$28.40. This check was cashed by H. F. Munson and was also on the Second National bank of Boston, signed by J. H. Hapgood and made payable to K. C. Russell. At Swanton, where they arrived Tuesday, they got a check for \$27.35 cashed at the West Side inn. This was signed by "J. Hapley & Co." Ducharme then went to the Swanton Savings bank and spring another for \$35, payable to himself and also signed by "J. Hapley & Co.," which he got away with.

5,800 MAIL SACKS.

Brought Over by the Oceanic, Which
Arrived To-day.

New York, Dec. 14.—The White Star liner Oceanic arrived to-day from Southampton and Queenstown, breaking all records as an incoming Christmas ship. She had on board over 5,800 mail sacks, the biggest batch of mail ever brought to the United States.

MANY GUESTS
OF BARRE MFERS.Were Entertained at Annual Ban-
quet Last Evening

FOLLOWING AN ELECTION

James Adie Honored by Re-election as
President of the Barre Association and
Given Substantial Testimonial of
the Members' Appreciation.

The annual meeting of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, embracing the manufacturers of Barre, East Barre, Montpelier, Waterbury, Northfield and Williamstown, was held at the headquarters in the C. W. Averill block yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with President James Adie in the chair. Figures as to the exact attendance were not at hand, but a large number of the 127 granite manufacturers affiliated with the association were present. This number was considerably augmented in the evening on the occasion of the annual banquet, held in Howland hall. Covers for upwards of 150 persons were laid and nearly every chair surrounding the tables was occupied when the banquet started.

President Adie called the business meeting to order shortly after 2 o'clock and then came the election of the following board of officers to serve during the ensuing year:

President—James Adie, Adie & Milne, Barre.

First Vice-President—E. A. Bugbee, E. A. Bugbee & Co., Barre.

Second Vice-President—M. H. Ryle, Globe Granite Co., Montpelier.

Secretary-Treasurer and Clerk of Corporation—Charles H. Wishart.

Directors—H. J. M. Jones, Jones Bros., Barre; T. G. Carver, Carver-Wetmore Co., Barre; John Cross, Cross Bros., Northfield; Stephen Rizi, Rizi Bros., Barre; O. N. Canton, Canton Bros., Barre; William McDonald, D. B. L. Granite Co., East Barre. The appointment of various other subordinate committees followed the election of officers.

The reports of the different officers showed a healthy state of affairs within the association and indicated that a sound financial footing has been secured. A happy feature of the meeting was the presentation of a handsome gold watch chain, together with a purse of gold, to President Adie as a token of the appreciation which the association feels for the efficient manner in which he has carried out the duties of his office during the past year. President Adie made an appropriate response to the presentation.

The Banquet Last Night.

At the banquet held in Howland hall last evening the manufacturers forgot for a time the pressure of business and the filling of big orders and mingled with their guests in making the end of the association's affairs a fitting one. The elaborate banquet was served with a commendable degree of promptness and dispatch, music being furnished during the evening by Riley's orchestra. Merited praise for the sumptuous feast provided was heard on all sides. An attractive little folder inscribed with the post-prandial exercises, the bill of fare and the words and verses to a number of popular songs served as menu card. James S. Haley of the firm of Dillon & Haley, Montpelier, acted very acceptably as master of the after-dinner exercises and his graceful introductions were always applauded. The first speaker, Henry C. Whitaker, managing editor of American Stone Trade, delivered a speech on "Barre as Seen from Chicago." Messrs. John E. Murray, president of the Quincy, Mass., Granite Manufacturers' association, John L. Miller and Francis Morrison, also members of the Quincy association, extended greetings from the country in the interests of Barre granite. H. J. M. Jones brought the exercises to a close with an instructive talk on "Overhead" expense, which dealt with the expenses of manufacturing granite after the labor expense is finished. Others who spoke informally at the call of Mr. Haley were: Ex-President E. A. McCollie, of the National Retail Monument Dealers' association; City Clerk James Mackay; R. J. Haight, editor of Monumental News; Eugene Sullivan, of Burlington; and Son, William Marr, of Marr & Gordon; Samuel Gerard, president of the Quarryworkers' association.

Among the men present as guests who represented varying phases of the granite business were: President, John C. Murray of the Quincy, Mass., Granite Manufacturers' association; John L. Miller and Francis Morrison, Quincy manufacturers; E. A. McCollie of Lacroche, Pa., a member of the executive committee of the National Retail Monument Dealers' association; Henry C. Whitaker of Chicago, managing editor of American Stone Trade; R. J. Haight of Chicago, editor of Monumental News; A. M. Hunt of Boston, editor and publisher of Granite, Marble & Bronze; L. G. Weidner, a Dumfries, N. Y., granite dealer; A. G. Graham, Bradford, Pa., granite dealer; H. K. Bush of Barre, representing The Reporter, of Chicago.

In charge of the banquet were the following men from the association, constituting a committee appointed for that purpose some time ago: Harry Smith, James T. Marston, George Robins, Stephen Rizi and M. H. Ryle. It is quite certain that nothing was left undone to make it as enjoyable as possible. Mrs. C. N. Benedict catered to the manufacturers, and to her should be credited a generous share of praise for the banquet. The menu, with its significant use of terms familiar to every granite man, was as follows: "Rock face" oysters; chicken gumbo with "round edges"; olives, gherkins, celery; chicken halibut, maitre d' hotel sauce, "all polished"; saratoga

chips, "served on grout car"; fricasseed chicken, "on the rift"; venison, "on the head grain"; potatoes, mashed "with bumper"; apple jelly, sugar corn, "no dope"; manufacturers' salad, mayonnaise dressing "carved in relief"; "hickory" sandwiches; fruit ice cream, "ground with 42-inch wheel"; assorted cake; oranges, bananas, raisins, cheese and toast; "granite ships"; tea, coffee, cigars (all figured by Gail's Book).

QUINCY MANUFACTURERS

Elected Alfred A. Diack President at
"Mid-Winter" Meeting.

Boston, Dec. 14.—There was a representative gathering at the American house Tuesday evening at the dinner of the Quincy Manufacturers' association of Quincy. According to custom, this dinner is termed the mid-winter banquet but with the temperature in the sixties, the term on this occasion was decidedly anomalous.

The retiring president, John C. Murray, was toastmaster; and the list of speakers included Mayor William T. Shea of Quincy, James Adie, president of the Barre, Vt., Granite Manufacturers' association; Seward W. Jones, president of the National Granite Manufacturers' association; Postmaster Charles M. Hammond of Quincy, Dock Commissioner F. F. Crane, R. P. Claffin and John Q. A. Field.

The following named officers were elected: Alfred A. Diack, president; Francis Morrison, vice president; T. J. Dunphy, secretary; James Joss, treasurer; E. D. Marmock, Thomas Bishop, Andrew Johnson, John C. Murray, Joseph Walker, George Clark, executive committee; Alexander Munroe, P. J. Cahill, P. V. Mannix, Alexander D. Smith and Harry O. Nichols, membership committee.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS' UNION

Was Organized Last Evening and Will
Affiliate with Barre C. L. U.

The telephone operators of the Vermont Tel. & Tel. Co.'s central office in Barre were organized last evening by Alexander Ironside, general organizer for the Federation of Labor for Vermont; and the following officers were elected:

President—Miss Nora E. Howe.

Fin. and Cor. Sec.—Miss Florence Brown.

Treasurer—Miss Rose Gibbons.

Chaplain—Miss Agnes Garrihy.

Auditors—Miss Amy L. Howard and Miss Bessie L. Bonette.

The new organization is said to start out with bright prospects and by affiliating with the Barre Central Union hopes to have the support of organized labor in Barre and vicinity. This step has been contemplated for some time, but the movement was accelerated, it is said, by alleged grievances as to working hours, which the operators thought detrimental to their health, and also to the complaint that agreements relative to wage scales have not been carried out on the part of the company. The new organization has already decided to affiliate with the Central Labor union.

Will Organize Tailors' Union.

State Organizers Fred Saitor and Ironside
expect to organize the local tailors
within the next few days.

CLERKS' NEW OFFICERS.

Were Elected at Annual Meeting Held
Last Evening.

Local 241, R. C. I. P. A., held its annual meeting in the K. D. hall last evening when the following officers were elected to serve during the next term: President, Edward Chesser; first vice president, W. H. Eager; second vice president, H. A. Kendall; recording secretary, Dean Blodgett; treasurer, Glenn E. Perry; guide, P. D. Ladd; guardian, C. H. Blakeley; grievance committee for 18 months, W. A. Boutwell; trustee for 18 months, H. B. Brooks; delegate to Central Labor union, G. E. Perry. A committee was appointed to prepare resolutions at the next regular meeting, to be held December 27, when the new officers will be installed. Routine business occupied the remainder of last night's session.

SOCIAL HOUR AND ELECTION

By Ladies' Auxiliary to Ancient Order
of Hibernians.

The ladies' auxiliary to division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held their annual election of officers in the Knights of Columbus hall last evening with the following choices resulting: President, Mrs. Patrick Brown; vice-president, Mrs. A. H. Burke; financial secretary, Mrs. Beatrice Callaghan; recording secretary, Miss Agnes Nelson; treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Kelly; mistress at arms, Miss Madeline Williams; sentinel, Miss Bessie Bonnett; pianist, Mrs. Albert Beattie; chairman of the standing committee, Mrs. P. E. McNulty. Officers reports read during the meeting brought out the fact that the organization has made considerable progress during the year and that the membership roll had reached 125.

All of the ladies' auxiliaries in the county were represented at last night's meeting, and after the transaction of business a short program of music was rendered. A dainty little lunch served by the younger members of the auxiliary brought the social hour to an end.

IMMENSE DEAL IN
TIMBER PROPERTYC. C. Putnam & Son Disposed of Plants
at Putnamville and Worcester
and Stumpage of 12,500
Acres.

C. C. Putnam & Son, one of the largest lumbering firms in this part of New England, has just sold its plants at Putnamville and Worcester to the Dock and Coal Co. of Plattsburg, N. Y., the deal involving between \$300,000 and \$400,000, and being one of the greatest transactions in Vermont for a long time. The transfer includes the saw-mill at Putnamville with a capacity of 3,000,000 feet of lumber and the Worcester mill with a capacity of 1,500,000 feet, and the stumpage of 12,500 acres of land, with twenty-five years in which to cut the timber off. The sale does not include the store or tenements or the personal property of the sellers. The latter are also privileged to convert the logs now being cut into lumber for that purpose. C. C. Putnam retired from business and Ralph Putnam will look after the stumpage.

In the company which acquires the property are John F. O'Brien, formerly prominent in New York state politics, and George C. Kellogg, also of Plattsburg. The Dock & Coal Co. takes possession January 1.

GRANGE ENDS
ITS SESSION40th Annual Convention at
Montpelier Was Successful

CLOSING MEETING TO-DAY

At Last Evening's Session the Sixth De-
gree Was Worked on 150 Can-
didates, and That Was Followed
by the Banquet.

The annual convention of the Vermont state grange which has been held in the Montpelier city hall for three days—the fortieth convention—was closed with a business session this forenoon, and the several hundred delegates and visitors left for their homes in large numbers this noon, after a successful assembly.

The report of the committee on resolutions, C. A. Bump reporting, was taken up. The convention rejected two resolutions, as follows:

(1) "Since the present method of obtaining officers of subordinate granges is long, tedious and detrimental to the best interests, resolved, that the national grange be impetioned to pass legislation enabling subordinate grange officers to find needed relief and that it be suggested that it be made allowable to elect by ballot, master, overseer, treasurer, secretary and chaplain and others be appointed by master and overseer."

(2) "It has been the purpose of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry to advocate and champion the cause of equal opportunities for all and special privileges for none and whereas there was introduced at the last session of the general assembly of Vermont House bill number 601 in which it is proposed